

Fair Political Practices Commission

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Randolph, Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin, and Remy

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Subject: Legislative Proposals for 2006

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In anticipation of the 2006 legislative year, this is a summary of legislative proposals to be considered by the Commission. More detailed information about each proposal is attached.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

1. Candidate Travel Reporting

Amend Government Code section 89513(a)(3) to delete an obsolete reference to section 84211(j)(7).

2. Officeholder Accounts

Amend Government Code section 84605 to clarify the treatment of a reference to a repealed provision (section 85313).

DISCLOSURE

3. Campaign Statements

Amend Government Code section 84215 to do the following: 1) eliminate the requirement to file copies of campaign statements with a committee's county of domicile and 2) reduce the number of copies of reports required to be filed with local filing officers from two to one.

4. Major Donor Threshold

Amend Government Code section 82013(c) to increase the major donor threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

5. Definition of Investment

Amend the definition of "investment" in Government Code section 82034 to exclude defined benefit pension plans.

AUDITS/ENFORCEMENT

6. General Purpose Committee Audits

Amend Government Code section 90001(h) to simplify the audit selection method for general purpose committees.

7. Collection of Fines

Add section 91013.7 to the Government Code to create an expedited procedure to obtain a judgment to collect unpaid fines imposed by the Commission.

8. Auditing of Electronically Filed Statements and Reports

Amend Government Code sections 90000(a) and 90003 to conform the audit provisions of the Act to require audits to cover reports and statements that are filed electronically.

9. 120-day Demands for Civil Action (detailed memo attached at Tab 9)

Amend Government Code sections 91004 and 91007 to incorporate the following provisions relating to mass filings of “120-day demands.”

- b. Reduce the number of 120-day demands that may be filed by any one person or group of persons acting in concert.
- c. Require notification of respondents when a demand is made.
- d. Direct the courts to consider Commission policy as they craft judicial remedies.